

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 30 are pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 – 30 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 19, 11 – 22, and 24 – 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,818,291. A Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 is being submitted with this paper. Applicants therefore respectfully request the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Concluding Remarks

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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